

The following is a letter written by William Swindoll during the Civil War. It was addressed to his parents, George and Polly Swindoll at Bellefontaine.

Camp near Shelbyville, TN  
June 20, 1863

My dear father and mother, as I am favored with an opportunity, I feel like I must write a few lines and although I can't say that I am well, yet I am about.

About Brother Thomas stands it well, I believe James Ingram of our camp was wounded at Ferryville, has been discharged from the service and will start home this morning about four o'clock. I will send you a watch to Mother and I will send my little brother Flavin Josephus, my good book, the title of which is the young man's own book. Don't let him read it until he is old enough to know how to care for it as you will see is

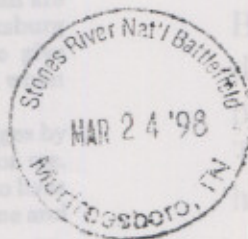
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According to the National Archives records, William M. Swindoll enlisted for the period of the war 16 August 1861 at Greensboro, Mississippi. He was a 4<sup>th</sup> sergeant in Walthall's Brigade, Company K, 24<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Regiment while at Stones River

*Information for regimental files*

March 9, 1998

Mr. John Long, Volunteer  
Stones River Military Park  
3501 Old Nashville Highway  
Murfreesboro, Tn  
37129-3094



Dear Mr. Long,

Thank you for all the many things that you did to make our visit there in January, both interesting and informative. We want you to know that we really appreciate your efforts.

We are enclosing a copy of the letter that we told you about and also a bit that we gleaned from his record at the National Archives.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Fred D. Swindoll

Hannah E. Swindoll

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